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ACRES PLANTED TO WYOMING CROPS INCREASE IN 2008

Results of the annual June acreage survey indicate that **Wyoming** producers have 1,626,800 acres in crop production in 2008, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. This acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for alfalfa and other hay, is 9 percent larger than in 2007. Acreage planted to grain and row crops totaled 426,800 acres, up 7 percent from 2007.

Wyoming producers planted 150,000 acres of **winter wheat** last fall, 10,000 up from the previous year; 140,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, 15,000 acres up from last year. Seeding of **spring wheat** totaled 13,000 acres in 2008, 7,000 acres up from last year; 12,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, also 7,000 acres up from last year. Acreage planted to **oats** was down 10,000 acres from last year to 30,000 acres; 13,000 acres are expected for grain, 5,000 acres up from last year. **Barley** area planted, at 90,000 acres, is up 28,000 acres from 2007. A total of 75,000 acres of barley are expected to be harvested for grain, up 22,000 acres from 2007.

A total of 90,000 acres of **corn** were planted statewide, 5,000 down from 2007; 54,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, 6,000 down from 2007. **Dry bean** planted acreage, at 25,000 acres, unchanged from 2007; 24,000 acres of dry beans are expected to be harvested, also unchanged from last year. **Sugarbeet** acreage is down 2,000 acres from last year to 28,800 acres planted, 27,800 acres are expected to be harvested for sugar which is down 2,400 acres from 2007.

Producers expect to harvest 1.20 million acres of **all hay** in 2008, which would be up 100,000 acres from last year. The acreage is comprised of 600,000 acres of **alfalfa**, up 30,000 acres from 2007, and 600,000 acres of **other hay**, 70,000 up from last year.

United States: The 2008 **winter wheat** planted area, at 46.6 million acres, is 4 percent above last year but down slightly from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is forecasted at 40.3 million acres, up slightly from the June forecast and up 12 percent from last year.

Area planted to **spring wheat other than durum** for 2008 is estimated at 14.2 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. Grain area is expected to total 13.8 million acres, up 6 percent from 2007.

Growers seeded 4.13 million acres of **barley** for 2008, up 3 percent from the 4.02 million acres seeded last year. Acres for harvest, at 3.64 million, are up 4 percent from 2007.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** totals 1.08 million acres, down 15 percent from 2007. The area for harvest is forecast at 1.03 million acres, down 18 percent from 2007.

The 2008 **corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.3 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Despite the decrease, corn planted acreage is the second highest since 1946, behind last year's total of 93.6 million acres. Growers expect to harvest 78.9 million acres for grain, down 9 percent from 2007. If realized, this would be the second highest since 1944, behind last year.

U.S. **dry bean** growers intend to plant 1.40 million acres in 2008, down 8 percent from 2007.

Producers expect to harvest 60.4 million acres of **all hay** in 2008, down 2 percent from 2007. Expected harvested area of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures**, at 20.8 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2007. Expected area for harvest of all **other types of hay** totals 39.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the 40.0 million acres harvested in 2007.